

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS II**  
**Office of the City Clerk**

**City Council of the City of Napa**  
**Regular Meeting**

**August 6, 2019**

**FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:**

**EVENING SESSION:**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Handout from Cris Villegas of Verizon titled "Help the Napa Area Receive Better Wireless Service".
- Letter dated August 6, 2019 from Philip White regarding "Heritage House-City Project File No. PL17-0114".
- Letter dated July 23, 2019 from Robert Tillinghast regarding "Climate Action Proposal".



How does this  
affect me?



The wireless  
future is here  
with small cells.



Email the  
City



Frequently  
asked questions

# Help the Napa area receive better wireless service.

Improving the quality and capacity of Napa residents' smart phone voice and data services makes good sense. Demand for wireless service is expected to grow seven times by 2023, and network enhancements are needed to keep up with demand. Verizon Wireless has proposed a small cell network for Napa, consisting of small facilities mounted on utility and streetlight poles. The Verizon Wireless small cell network will greatly enhance service capacity and provide in-building service in hard to reach areas with the most aesthetically discrete technology available today.

[Read more >](#)



Verizon Wireless  
15505 Sand Canyon Ave, Bldg. D  
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6/6/2019

City Council  
City of Napa  
955 School Street  
Napa, California 94559

Re: 733 Supporters for Verizon Wireless Small Cells  
City of Napa

Dear Council Members:

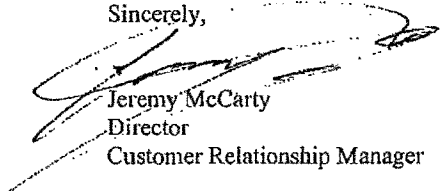
I am the Verizon Wireless Marketing Director over the team that maintains and manages all data and information messages that are sent to Verizon Wireless customers in California. In connection with its proposed small cells, Verizon Wireless arranged for a text message to be sent to customers with billing addresses within ZIP codes 94558, 94559 and 94581 in the City of Napa. The entire text message sent reads as follows:

Free Verizon Message: Reply yes to this text to show your support for improved Verizon Wireless service in Napa. Add a message to tell the City that you support the placement of small wireless facilities on select streetlights and utility poles. Visit <http://improveyourwireless.com/Napa> to learn more and stay informed.

The text message above was sent on May 23, 2019. As of June 6, 2019, we have received 733 affirmative text message responses indicating support for the proposed small cells and 52 respondents opposed. Text messages received confirm the need to provide improved Verizon Wireless service in the City of Napa. Samples of the text messages received from Verizon Wireless customers appear on the attached page.

I am available to verify the above information as you may require.

Sincerely,



Jeremy McCarty

Director

Customer Relationship Manager

Attachment

**Sample Text Messages of Support  
Verizon Wireless Small Cells  
City of Napa**

Yes, I strongly support this

YES. Please improve this very necessary infrastructure element.

Yes i totally support

Yes the service here is terrible I drop calls and rely on WiFi calling most of the time.  
Please improve the coverage.

Yes... please please please allow placements of wireless poles.

Yes. Would love improves service in Napa, please

YES YES YES!!!

Yes Service is horrible. I have almost no reception at work and same at my home. Very frustrating!

Yes I support this. We keep losing calls in the Browns Valley area. Please help.

YES! YES!! YES!!! An urgent need for Verizon subscribers.

Yes. Because the reception in my own home is so poor

Yes please

Yes we need improved wireless service in Napa

Yes. Reception is spotty, especially near Soscol and Trancas, and along Silverado Trail.

Yes I would love to be able to use my phone in my house

Yes. Please help with service in remote areas also. Like coombsville area.

Yes I support improved wireless in my area

Yes, my family only use Verizon without a landline. I fear our safety is jeopardized if the signal remains poor.

Yes I will support this

Yes. I support the placement of small wireless facilities on select streetlights and utility poles in Napa.

I want better wireless service in \*all\* Napa County- from the County Seat, to the multitude of DEAD Zones on Monticello Road between Napa and Berryessa .

Yes, yes, yes yes!!!

Yes Toni D'Ambrosio

Yes. Please improve your service right now it's horrible in Napa

Yes. I support the placement of facilities on select street lights and utility poles if it will improve wireless service. Especially around the intersect

Yes more small cells needed

Yes, appreciate the addition of resources in the area.

Yes, i support improving the Verizon signal in Napa by adding more transmitters. There are numerous areas of the city proper that have little or no signal

YES! For some reason my service has been poor lately. It used to be the best service ever. Please make it that way again!

Yes. Add better and more service

Yes Please increase better service around California Blvd.

Yes, I would like to get service while on my breaks and lunch down town!

I support more small wireless

Yes that's good for good service

Yes. I support additional wireless coverage in Napa

Yes, Verizon data transfer slow, and poor signal coverage

Yes we definitely need better coverage. I strongly support better coverage

Yes for better cell calls

Yes. I live in Bell Aire and my reception is very poor.

Yes, Napa needs better cell service. Verizon is the best network for Northern California.

Yes, Verizon wireless is very poor in Napa and Fairfield

YES!! Please



August 6, 2019

City Council  
City of Napa  
1600 1st Street  
Napa, CA945

Re: Heritage House-City Project File No. PL17-0114

Dear Members of the Planning Commission

As a resident of the South East Vintage neighborhood, **I STRONGLY OPPOSE** the plans of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, Napa City Council and the Gasser Foundation's plans to convert the abandoned Sunrise Assisted Living facility at the end of Valle Verde to become a residence for persons at high-risk of long term or intermittent homelessness as defined by the *No Place Like Home Program*. The basis for my opposition is that if approved, this project is inconsistent with current "uses" and would negative impact the quality of life for the those who live and/or work in the area.

As you know this facility is intended to provide a permanent housing solution for adults or older adults with a "Serious Mental Disorder "or "Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children or Adolescents" who meet one or more of the criteria below.

1. Persons exiting institutionalized settings, such as jail or prison, hospitals, institutes of mental disease, nursing facilities, or long-term residential substance use disorder treatment, who were Homeless prior to admission to the institutional setting;
2. Transition-Age Youth experiencing homelessness or with significant barriers to housing stability, including, but not limited to, one or more evictions or episodes of homelessness, and a history of foster care or involvement with the juvenile justice system; and others as set forth below;
3. Persons, including Transition-Age Youth, who prior to entering into one of the facilities or types of institutional care listed herein had a history of being Homeless: a state hospital, hospital behavioral health unit, hospital emergency room, institute for mental disease, psychiatric health facility, mental health rehabilitation center, skilled nursing facility, developmental center, residential treatment program, residential care facility, community crisis center, board and care facility, prison, parole, jail or juvenile detention facility, or foster care.

While supportive services such as mental health care, crisis counseling, individual and/or group therapy are a required to be provided by the No Place Like Home Grant Program, **THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THESE SERVICES BE PROVIDED ONSITE OR FOR RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE. NOR CAN ACCESS TO OR CONTINUED OCCUPANCE BE CONDITIONED ON A RESIDENT'S SOBRIETY.**

Besides our concerns regarding confrontations with individuals suffering from chronic or acute psychiatric issues while they are outside the confines of the facility and the supervision of the 'staff'. We are also concerned about incidents of public intoxication, public drug use, and discarded drug paraphernalia litter (needles/syringes) and increases in petty crimes in nearby neighborhoods.

Because of the aforementioned our elderly and children who will no longer be able to access and/or benefit from the use of the many walking paths and open spaces unique to our neighborhood. Review of Napa City Police Department crime statistics in the area around the South Napa Homeless Shelter demonstrate that these concerns are not unfounded.

Additionally, the mix of 24 affordable housing units for extra low-income families mixed in with 66 assisted living units for residents with serious mental health and substance abuse issues is a recipe for disaster. It seems unfair and unsafe to subject families with children to be required to live alongside persons who will not be required to participate in mental health and/or sobriety programs. We are also concerned about the negative impacts this intensified use will have on the Salvador Creek ecosystem

The neighborhoods that comprise the South East Vintage area do not have suffer from the problems associated with persons who are chronically homeless. By warehousing these people at this location will negatively affect our quality of life and believe that this location could be put to a better use such as homeless seniors or young adults graduating from the foster care program. The Heritage House project as sponsored by the County, City and the Gasser Foundation will create problems in our area that currently do not exist.

Sincerely,

Philip D. White

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Philip D. White.



## Public Urination/Defecation



## Sleeping in the Rough





## Shopping Carts





## Homeless Encampments



## Public Intoxication/Loitering





## Onsite Security?



**Who is going to Pick-up the Trash?**





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To: Napa City Council, and other concerned parties as may apply

Subject: Climate Action Proposal

Brief Summary of the Primary Reasons for our Climate Crisis.....

- i) Misbehavior and political mismanagement by elites.
- ii) A catastrophe has occurred: global population has increased to 7.5 billion with the resulting depletion of resources, notably water.
- iii) There has been insufficient response to these circumstances. Change is rarely in the interest of the ruling group.
- iv) Social and economic dysfunction has ensued. The control of our fossil fuel resource by elites has resulted in a very conservative approach to mitigation of global temperature rise. Government response to this phenomenon is shocking and inadequate.

There is no time for further planning or discussion. The danger is clear and present. The crisis has become a public safety issue and here are the steps to take now.....

- i) Declare a climate emergency. This has more than just rhetorical value. It will do two things; first, pave the way for future necessary measures to ensure public safety, and second, this will enable the city to redirect

effort and money otherwise expended on non-essential and low return activities. As of today, 722 American cities, towns and other jurisdictions have declared us to be in a climate emergency.

- ii) Immediately divest from fossil fuels all city pension and other funds. Require police and fire unions to do the same. This will help reduce the influence of fossil fuel money in our public and political institutions.
- iii) Replace all fuel vehicles in the city fleet with electric cars, ASAP. Police, Building, HHS, Public Works, Parks and Rec., the whole fleet.
- iv) Purchase and start to plant 5,000 ( five thousand) Redwood trees to help re-grow our urban canopy and sequester CO2. Encourage Napa citizens to plant trees in their yards by supplying a five gallon Redwood tree to anyone who will plant it and grow it. This should be a high priority.
- v) Government action is required to assure that we don't lose control of our climate system, and we are not getting any. We are now leaving the Holocene Period. All of the climate characteristics which fostered our civilization and its' achievements are rapidly changing due to human activity. Please take action now as outlined in this proposal. It will prove to be the best kind of start.

Best Regards, Robert Tillinghast

Date: 7/23/19